

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This document is in response to the Office Action mailed November 3, 2006. It is believed that claims 6, 7, 19, 34-38, and 57 have been indicated as allowable (see request for clarification below). Therefore, applicants have canceled all non-allowed claims (including withdrawn claims) so that only claims indicated as allowable are remaining in this application.

Clarification

In the previous Office Action mailed March 21, 2006, claims 34-38 were allowed, and claims 6, 19, and 57 were objected to but indicated as allowable if rewritten into independent form. In the amendment filed June 7, 2006, claims 6, 19, and 57 were rewritten into independent form. Claim 7 depends from claim 6.

In the body of the pending Office Action mailed November 3, 2006, claims 6, 7, 34-38 are indicated as allowed, while claims 19, 34, and 57 are indicated as objected to for depending from a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten into independent form. Claims 19 and 57, however, were already rewritten into independent form with the June 7th amendment, and claim 34 was previously allowed (and is already independent in its original form). Therefore, it is believed that claims 19 and 57 should also be indicated as allowed, in addition to claims 6, 7, and 34-38.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

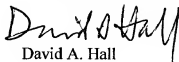
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